

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application:

1-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended): An injection nozzle for use in delivering fuel to a combustion space, the injection nozzle comprising a nozzle body, the nozzle body including a substantially conical tip region extending along a longitudinal axis of the nozzle body, the tip region including an outlet opening, the outlet opening being oriented substantially transverse to the longitudinal axis, at least a part of which is the nozzle body being provided with a first coating and a second coating applied to at least part of said first coating to form a multi-layer coating, said multi-layer coating arranged so as to reduce the temperature of at least a part of the nozzle body, in use, said first coating being formed from a material having a higher thermal conductivity than the thermal conductivity of the nozzle body, said second coating being formed from a material having a lower thermal conductivity than the thermal conductivity of the nozzle body.

25-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented). The injection nozzle as claimed in claim 24, wherein a part of the tip region of the nozzle body remains uncoated.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented). The injection nozzle as claimed in claim 24, wherein said second coating is a ceramic material.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended): The injection nozzle as claimed in claim 24, wherein said second coating is only applied to a part of said first coating ~~which is exposed to the temperature within the combustion space, in use.~~

36. (Previously Presented): The injection nozzle as claimed in claim 24, comprising an additional substrate material applied to the nozzle body, whereby said first coating is bonded to the nozzle body by means of the additional substrate material.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Canceled)

39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended): The injection nozzle as claimed in claim 24, wherein said multi-layer coating is provided over at least the part of the exterior of the nozzle body ~~which is exposed to the temperature within the combustion space, in use.~~

41. (Currently Amended): The injection nozzle as claimed in claim 40, wherein the nozzle body is provided with ~~one or more~~ than one outlet ~~openings~~ opening, each outlet opening being provided in [[a]] the tip region of the nozzle body ~~which projects from an engine cylinder head within which the injection nozzle is received, in use, into the combustion space.~~